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SUBJECT: RAIMUNDO ONGARO VS GOA

1. IN DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH GOA ON QUESTION OF ECONOMIC STRIKES, PRINTERS FEDERATION (FGB) IS HOLDING JULY 1 24-HOUR "WORKERS ASSEMBLY" IN ALL BA PRINTING PLANTS. UNION MEMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED WORK STOPPAGE IN JUNE 26 MEETING IN BID TO OBTAIN SALARY INCREASES, RANGING UP TO 60 PERCENT, WHICH HAD BEEN OBTAINED BY OTHER PRINTERS UNIONS IN PRE-JUNE 12 WILDCAT STRIKES. DE FACTO STRIKE BEING HELD DESPITE MINLABOR WARNING THAT FGB WOULD LOSE LEGAL STATUS IF ACTION CARRIED OUT. AS RESULT PRESENT ACTION NO BA PAPERS APPEARED JULY 1 AND NONE ARE EXPECTED TO APPEAR JULY 2.

2. APART FROM IMPORTANCE OF MAJOR UNION-GOA CONFRONTATION, ACTION MARKE RE-EMERGENCE OF RAIMUNDO ONGARO, MYSTIC SEC GEN OF DEFUNCT REBEL CGT. ONGARO HAS BEEN LOST IN OBSCURITY SINCE JAN 1972 RELEASE FROM PRISON, BUT HIS ASSUMPTION OF LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PRESENT STRIKE PORTENDS A MORE ACTIVE ROLE WITHIN LEFTIST PERONIST LABOR CIRCLES. ONGARO ASSUMED PRESIDENCY OF JUNE 26 UNION MEETING FOLLOWING RESIGNATION FGB SEC GEN ZAKOUR,
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WHO REFUSED LEAD UNION IN CONFRONTATION "PRESIDENT PERON AND

GOA". ZAKOUR'S RESIGNATION, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED, CAM JUST TWO MONTHS AFTER HE HAD BEEN ELECTED TO FOUR-YEAR TERM, AND IT HIGHLIGHTS PROBLEMS OF UNION LEADERS WHO ARE FACED WITH AN INCREASINGLY RESTIVE MEMBERSHIP WHICH DOES NOT APPROVE OF SOCIAL PACT WAGE RESTRICTIONS.

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